

# Annual Parish Meeting May 2009

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Burgh by Sands Hall at 7.30pm to 9.30pm

## Chairman's Annual Report

This has been a good steady year for the Council with Meetings held every 6 wks. There have been interim meetings, various other meetings and a series of training sessions on the duties of the Parish Council were run by

CALC. Councillors have looked at Local plans put before them and commented where necessary. We have an open access policy to our decision making and members of the Public are invited to attend all of our meetings. We have a website with agendas and E-mail addresses on. Throughout the year Councillors have achieved much with regard to our local Highways. Fingerposts continue to be upgraded and renovated. Hard standing has been provided for passengers alighting from buses in Thurstonfield. The addition of names to the War Memorial is taking place. We have alerted the Planning Authorities to the siting of residential caravans in various locations in an attempt to regularise this. The Council took an active part in keeping the local rescue boat. The Parish Council continues to represent all sectors of the community.

Last years minutes were accepted and signed as a true record :Proposed by Cllr P Swainson and seconded by Cllr M Gaitskell

## Community Led Plan:Hellen Aitken and Claire Rankin

This is an opportunity for Local people to become involved with a plan for the Villages in the Parish to achieve shared ambitions and aspirations. A Steering group should be set up and this needs to reflect groups within the Community with members of the Parish Council and the geographical area. This group should look at existing Plan and see what has been achieved,there maybe a need for more focus in some areas. There is some funding that can be accessed through Hellen Aitken and Claire Rankin. Meetings could be held and the findings analysed. The plan could be put on line and updated as necessary. The key step is a meeting with Groups and interested members of the Community being invited. Support will be given from Claire and Hellen. An invitation will be put in the Parish magazine to this effect.

Rev Gill Hart

The **Applefest** took place in the rain but was successful, proved popular and raised funds.

The **Renovation of the War Memorial** is to take place to add the names of the Fallen of WW2 and will be completed in time for a rededication service on Remembrance Sunday If we need to add any further names of Fallen Parishioners we could honour them in another way. The entrance to to the New Graveyard the will be improved. A Survey by Cumbria Wildlife of wildlife of all the churchyards in the Parish is taking place. These Churchyards provide a peaceful and reverent place.

**Wiggonby Educational Trust** is over 200 yrs old. M Hodson left Farm and lands in Trust to assist young people under the age of 25 who wish to complete full or part time education. Applications have to be submitted before 1<sup>st</sup> September and a Advertisement is put in the Parish Magazine in July. Last Year there were 31 applicants - 16 from Burgh were given grants of between £250 and £100

**The Young Farmers** is thriving and meet every fortnight. The members are interested in the rural environment. They perform a Pantomime and they make good use of the Burgh Village Hall. At 90 members it is the largest club. There is an Annual field day at Oulton

**The Parish Magazine** is still going strong. Last year we lost a large number of advertisers but now have a long waiting list and extra pages. More information could given by the Parish Council. The magazine is wanted and popular

### **Village Hall**

Planning approval for the extensions and improvements to the Hall have been granted. An award from Big Lottery Fund has been gained but matched funding is needed.

Large applications for substantial funding are been completed but in this economic climate it is more difficult to access funding and we don't know whether we will be successful. If we were VAT zero rated this would make raising the required funding easier. The Hall is being used more widely and there is a need for refurbishment.

### **Tourism and Heritage**

The group originates from the Parish Plan and are funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Local walks have been drafted , mapped and passed by Carlisle City Council (3 out of 5) They all start and end in the village and one is accessible to all. The last walk round the Village (with snippets of information) is half done A local teenager designed the covers for the walks. Digital Photographs will be put in the Archive and schoolchildren will be trained in the use of the digital recorder for an oral archive, This will be made into a CD professionally. There is a Microfiche reader in school so that Parish records from the archives can be accessed. There are Benches and another interpretation board to go on the Village Green

### **W I**

Burgh by Sands WI meets on the second Tuesday in the month, eleven times a year and invites a variety of speakers to these Meetings. We have a Christmas Dinner and also a Summer Outing to a Place of interest followed by a meal. We invite members of other Institutes to our Meetings and vice versa. We attend an Annual Marsh Group meeting at Great Orton.

The Annual General Meeting this year was about the health of Bees. The WI Supports the buying of pigs and chickens for women in Uganda so that their families can become more self sufficient. A Quote from the History of the WI 'May the WI continue to be a happy friendly group where members can participate in a variety of ways and remember the ideals on which it was founded, those of truth, fellowship, tolerance and justice for our home and Country.'

### **CC Councillor J Collier**

The Sewerage Scheme at Moorhouse is coming to a conclusion, this was one of the most polluted villages. Signage issues have been addressed in the Parish. Grants have been given from Carlisle City and Cumbria County Council. The Play area at Ludgate is well used and something similar is needed at Moorhouse.

